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Featured This Month...

May 2012

**NC Wing Commander Named Chief of Staff
for Middle East Region, CAP** *Story on Page 3...*



**Col. Roy W. Douglass Addressing the
NCWG-MER Conference**

FINAL SALUTE Lt. Col. Jim Carr

NC Wing, Middle East Region, and Civil Air Patrol in general has lost a great member today when Lt Col James Carr (ME 15) finished short final for the real Highway to Heaven. Jim was an avid aviator, expert communicator, former CAP cadet, and a true southern gentleman in all respects. I know I speak for many others in the region when I say Jim will be sorely missed on the HF nets and around the hangars. Please include his wife Paula and family in your prayers as we acknowledge a super volunteer who truly spent his life in service to others. I am proud to have known him and very privileged to have had him as a friend. Safe landings and blue skies my friend.

Larry J. Ragland, Col, CAP MER/CC

Lt. Col. Jim Carr and I were cadets way back in the 1950's here in North Carolina. Jim was in Wilmington and I was in the squadron at Winston-Salem. We got to know each other through the various encampments, SAR-CAPS and other activities cadets participated in. He was certainly one of a kind! What a great person to know and kinda grow up with. Of course he is older than I am "but not much", as he would always say!

I can only say that a very special friend and pilot friend of mine has "Flown West" on the "Wings of Angels".

God's speed my friend. I shall miss you very much.

Please remember his family in your prayers.

Tink Schaffer, Col., CAP

Memorial Service

Saturday, June 2, 2012

11:00 a.m.

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension

726 First Ave. NW (next door to the Pepsi plant & across from Aiken-Black Tire Service)

Hickory, NC 828-328-5393

The family will receive friends in the church Fellowship Hall immediately after the memorial.



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NC Wing Commander Named Chief of Staff for Middle East Region

Col. Larry Ragland Names Col. Roy Douglass to the Post

By: Maj. Don Penven

May 14, 2012

Burlington, NC – Middle East Region (MER), Commander, Col. Larry Ragland, announced today that Col. Roy W. Douglass has been selected to fill the position of chief of staff, to become effective on June 9, 2012. In his announcement to members of the region, Col Ragland said, “Col. Douglass has served in CAP for many years and demonstrated his steady commitment to excellence and professionalism. He will step down as NC Wing Commander after having served in this post since January 2009.”

Col. Douglass completed a career in the U. S. Army, and he retired from a second career in the telecommunications industry in 2003. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in History from Florida International University and a Master’s Degree in Business Management from Central Michigan University.

Col. Douglass assumed command in January 2009, succeeding Col. Ragland as NC Wing Commander. He joined Civil Air Patrol in August 1992 and served two 24-month tours as the San Angelo Composite Squadron Commander in the Texas Wing. He also served two years on the staff of the Southwest Region Staff College – one year as Public Affairs Officer and the other year as a Seminar Advisor.

The Vice Commander of the NC Wing, Lt. Col. John Kay, will fill the command position of the NC Wing until a permanent selection is made for Wing Commander. Col. Douglass will fill the position recently vacated by Lt. Col. Phyllis Griffin.

Col. Douglass and his wife, the former Gail Pleger, moved to North Carolina in 1999, where he continued his CAP career. The Douglasses now live in Rougemont, NC.

A complete biographical summary for Col. Douglass is found on the NC Wing website at:

<http://www.ncwg.cap.gov>.



FREE
National Weather Service Skywarn Class
June 28th 6-8PM
Shelby Composite Squadron
832 College Ave, Shelby, NC 28152
register now at:
www.capselby.com/skywarn

CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

*Col Roy Douglass requests the pleasure of your company at the
Change of Command Ceremony*

*Honoring
Col Roy Douglass
(Outgoing Wing Commander)*

*Welcoming
Lt Col John P. Kay
(Interim Wing Commander)*

*Saturday
The ninth day of June, two thousand and twelve
10:00 am
NC Wing Headquarters
3520 Alamance Road
Burlington, NC 27215*

*Attire:
Service Dress
CAP Blazer Combination
Appropriate Civilian attire*

Reception immediately following ceremony.



Iredell Unit Hosts Group 4 AE Day

The Iredell Composite Squadron recently hosted the Group Four Aerospace Education Day at the Statesville Regional Airport on May 18-19. The Group Four AE Day had a record number of participants from the South Charlotte Cadet Squadron, The 111th Search & Rescue Cadet Squadron, the Burlington Composite Squadron, the Hickory Composite Squadron, and the Iredell Composite Squadron.

Rocket building and testing was offered on Friday night. Classes were taught by Lieutenant Colonel James Williams. Cadet Second Lieutenants Montanna Shores and Felix Reyes assisted fellow cadets with rocket building.

Launch day began very early. Some cadets were so motivated to complete their rockets, they began working at 0500. Approximately fifty rockets were successfully launched. Many cadets completed all requirements to earn their Model Rocketry Badge.

Four CAP aircraft were present for orientation flights. Sixteen orientation flights were conducted with seven being first-time flights. Cadets from the Iredell Composite Squadron served as flight line marshals.

Felix E. Reyes C/2d Lt, CAP
Public Affairs



Cadets Felix Reyes, Zachary Fleming, Robert Abruzzino and Michael Abruzzino working as flight line marshals

Photos By 2nd Lt. Kristin Osborne



Maj. Paul Twiddy assisting Cadet Jessica McGill launch her rocket

U. S. Coast Guard Puts Civil Air Patrol on Their Historical Map

Civil Air Patrol Receives Team Award from the USCG.

Elizabeth City, NC - MAY 2012 / Reportedly, for the first time in history, members of the Civil Air Patrol receive the "COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION", without Operational Device. Members from Civil Air Patrol's Elizabeth City (NC) Composite Squadron, Cape Cod (MA) Composite Squadron (MA-044), and Massachusetts Wing (MAWG) were cited as stated in the citation to accompany award "For exceptionally meritorious service from 20 Dec 2011 to 17 Jan 2012".

The ceremony was held May 1st, 2012 at the U. S. Coast Guard Aviation Logistics Center (ALC) Heavy Maintenance Facility in Elizabeth City. A team comprised of members of USCG Aviation Logistics Center; USCG Air Station Cape Cod; Civil Air Patrol MAWG and MA-044; Rhode Island Air National Guard and the Cape Cod Airport were awarded the COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION.

On 20 December 2011 the ALC Medium Range Surveillance Division received notification that support for the procurement of a large critical piece of De-Icing Equipment/Vehicle would be needed for the upcoming winter operational testing and evaluation for the Coast Guard's new HC-144 Aircraft. The test period was scheduled to begin in late January, which gave the Coast Guard less than 28 days to complete the procurement. The team quickly formed a multi-agency network, identified the operational requirements, conducted the research, identified the sources of supply, found the equipment, selected the source, completed the contracting process and delivered the equipment within 28 days, a process that normally takes at least 60 days to complete.

Without the combined exceptional efforts from the all participants and volunteers from all team members; U. S. Coast Guard, U. S. Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol, and the Rhode Island Air National Guard, the Coast Guard could not have completed the critically- important test and evaluation period of the HC-144 Aircraft.

Members from Civil Air Patrol MA-044 Cape Cod Composite Squadron and Rhode Island Air National Guard were scheduled to participate in the ceremony in Elizabeth City, but their U. S. Army flight from Cape Cod was forced to cancel due to bad weather. Major General Dwight Wheless (on behalf of the CAP National Commander, Major General Chuck Carr) and Major Linwood Dabney (NCWG Group 3 Commander, on behalf of the NC Wing Commander) accepted the award on behalf of those who could not attend.

On behalf of the Commandant of the Coast Guard, Captain Werner Winz, Commanding Officer of the USCG Aviation Logistics Center, presented the awards to Captain Terry Blucker (Awar. Linwood Dabneyd recipient as well as Squadron Commander of the Elizabeth City Composite Squadron), General Wheless, and Major Dabney.

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L-R: Capt. Werner Winz, USCG; Maj. Linwood Dabney, Maj. Gen. Dwight Wheless; Capt. Terry Blucker and

Start Your Engines, Shelby Cadets Present Colors!!!

Every Friday Night this summer you will find Cadets from the Shelby Composite Squadron Color Guard presenting the colors for our National Anthem just before the flag drops at the Historic Cleveland County Fairgrounds Good Old Days Racing series.

The Shelby squadron is the official color guard of the track and will present the colors 27 times before this season ends. Because of other commitments with our teams we have a number of cadets trained and capable of this duty. We are also in the process of training a third all Female Color Guard to supplement our two current details.

“We are so proud of these cadets, to see their commitment to mastering this time honored tradition brings a smile to my face” Says Squadron Commander Major Tom Bly.

The cadets train most Tuesdays and fit in 2 weekends per month of more rigorous training. “They have come a long way in a very short amount of time” said the Deputy Commander for Cadets, Lt. Col. Chris Davidson. “The cadets learn they must operate as a team, they all focus on the success of the presentation.”

These races are just one of the many events our color guards will be participating in this summer. With so many requests, our desire to fill them all is met with a growing number of cadets interested in the program and we are constantly training more.

We would like to thank our current roster of cadets for doing such a wonderful job and making it look so easy; Cadet Major Westmoreland, Cadet Staff Sergeant Easter, Cadet Senior Airman Bradley, Cadet Senior Airman Willis, Cadet Airman Thompson, Cadet Airman Webb, and Cadet Airman Rodarte.

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The Color Guard posing just before the racing begins on Friday May 25th 2012, from left to right, Cadet Bradley (filling in for Cadet Webb who was unable to attend), Cadet Westmoreland, Cadet Rodarte, and Cadet Easter. PHOTO BY Tony Bradley, SM, CAP



The Shelby Composite Squadron Color Guard halted on the field. From Left to right; Cadet Bradley, Cadet Thompson, Cadet Willis, and Cadet Easter, followed by the Burns High School Marching Band. PHOTO BY Tony Bradley, SM, CAP

Cadet Recognized for Community Service as a New Century Scholar

Each year only 68 students are inducted into The New Century Scholars program in the Rutherford and Polk County School Districts by Isothermal Community College. This honor is given to students who demonstrate potential for academic success and leadership. In order to maintain good standing in the scholarship program students must maintain good school attendance, grades, citizenship, remain drug and alcohol-free, and perform 10 volunteer community service hours each year.

Cadet Senior Airman Kelli Bradley was first inducted into the program in 2010 and has continued to meet and excel beyond those standards set forth. On May 9th 2012 she was recognized by her peers and the faculty of Isothermal Community College along with the middle school program coordinators for going well beyond the required 10 hours and successfully completing 154 community service hours in the 2011 – 2012 school year.

We would like congratulate Cadet Bradley for a job well done, her hard work and determination reflects greatly upon herself and the Civil Air Patrol.

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*Cadet Senior Airman Kelli Bradley
PHOTO BY Tony Bradley, SM, CAP*



Operation Flying Flowers

Members of North Carolina Wing,

To all of you who participated in Operation Flying Flowers, I want to thank you for making this a successful fundraising project. Everything has been tallied, double checked, sent into the flower company, and our flower orders should be arriving any time now.

Eighteen squadrons participated, in which a total of 150 orders were obtained. Congratulations are in order to the Tar River Composite Squadron who sold the most flowers! The money that the squadrons earned for themselves ranges from \$4.25 to \$183.88. [In the fundraiser, 50% of the flower money received goes to the flower company and the other 50% to those doing the fundraising. Of the latter 50%, 1/4 is returned to the squadron for their participation, and 3/4 goes to wing as part of the payment for the missing communication equipment.] Kathy Gaddy will be (if she hasn't already done so) transferring the appropriate money amounts to the squadrons who participated.

Thank you again for your participation.

Leslie Ingram, Lt. Col. CAP
Plans and Programs

Shelby Senior Members Assist With 5K & 10k Event While 2 Cadets Run the Race!

May 5th was a very busy day for a number of our members with two cadets running the 5K and our Senior Members helping out with the race events. It was worth it for all of use to help support our community and this wonderful cause. The Dash, Dine, & Drive in: Hot Rad Dash 5k and 10k was held in Boiling Springs, NC to help support two causes this year. The proceeds from the event were split between Relay for Life in memory of Marsha Long Greer who passed away earlier this year from melanoma and Christi Wegner, who is currently battling breast cancer.

Senior members; Lieutenant Melvin Lutz and SM Keith Keever helped staff the race, SM Tony Bradley help organize members and provided photography for the finish lines, while SM Kim McDonald staffed our recruitment table. At the same time Cadet Staff Sergeant Easter and Cadet Senior Airman Bradley were making their way through the 5k course to the finish line where their fellow cadets awaited to cheer them on. Sergeant Easter finished 1st in his age group and Cadet Bradley 3rd in hers, with Sergeant Easter finishing 7th overall in the race.

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Cadet Staff Sergeant Easter and Cadet Senior Airman Bradley moments after receiving their medals for 1st and 3rd place in the respective age groups. PHOTO BY TONY BRADLEY, SM, CAP



Race participants preparing for the starting horn - PHOTO BY TONY BRADLEY, SM, CAP

NC Wing Members Attend Chaplain Staff College

By Deputy NCWG Chaplain (Captain) Laura Johnson

Three Chaplains and one Character Development Instructor (CDI) from North Carolina wing joined other regional Chaplains at the 2012 MER Chaplain Staff College (MERCSC) in Blackstone, Virginia, May 20-23. Attendees from NC include: Wing Chaplain (Lt Col) Wayne Byerly, Deputy Wing Chaplain (Capt) Laura Johnson, Lt Col Richard Pannell, Character Development Instructor of the Ashville squadron and Chaplain (Capt) Melvin Lutz of the Shelby squadron.

MER Chaplain (Lt Col) Jack Epperly and National Chaplain (Lt Col) Ken Colton led the sessions. During this conference, Chaplains and CDIs reviewed regulations and courses related to their specialty tracks.

The Wing Chaplain would like to remind all Chaplains, CDIs, squadron commanders, IG inspectors, and members about the following important points in CAP regulations:

- CAP Chaplains must meet the same requirements as USAF Chaplains, although an education waiver can be granted to some individuals. These requirements are outlined in CAPF35 and its instructions and CAPR265-1. During the application process, the Chaplain is thoroughly vetted by a rigorous screening through their faith endorser, the Wing Chaplain, the Region Chaplain, and the National Chief of Chaplains.
- Clergy can only serve as CAP Chaplains and wear the uniform and emblems of a Chaplain after completing the CAP Chaplain application process and receiving official appointment by the National Chief of Chaplains.
- Only nationally-appointed Chaplains can serve units in the capacity of a minister.
- Visiting clergy can only assist for a period of six months. They must have a CAP escort at all times. Visiting clergy do not have counseling and confidentiality privileges.
- Only nationally-appointed Chaplains can counsel CAP cadets. No other senior members (not even CDIs) or parents of other cadets may do so.
- All senior members serving as Character Development Instructors must be appointed as such by the National Chief of Chaplains. See CAPF35A and its instructions.
- Cadets must receive at least one one-hour Character Development instruction to complete each achievement. See CAPR 52-16.
- If a nationally-appointed Chaplain or CDI is not available to lead a squadron's character development session, only the unit Commander can lead the class. See CAPR 52-16. (Note: This leader cannot be the Deputy Commander of Cadets, nor another senior member appointed by the Commander. Only a nationally-appointed Chaplain, a nationally-appointed CDI, or the unit Commander can lead Character Development sessions.)
- Senior members and parents are not to be present during character development sessions so that the cadets feel free to discuss their moral and ethical issues with the Chaplain or CDI.
- All Chaplains and CDIs are required to complete CAPF34 during the first week of July and the first week of January each year. CAPF34 is now conveniently available in an HTML-form for continual use online. Important: Those not completing CAPF34 may be in jeopardy of having their appointments revoked.
- All CAP Chaplains are encouraged to join the Military Chaplain Association (MCA). ***Continued***

The Chaplains Corps needs more Chaplains and CDIs. We are recruiting. See CAPF35 and CAPF35A for the list of requirements to join the world's largest volunteer Chaplain program.

Next year's MER CCSC might be rolled into a national Chaplain Staff College. Chaplains and CDIs, please watch for information about this great opportunity in 2013 and start planning now join us.



SM Melvin Lutz of the Shelby squadron receiving his official Chaplain appointment—from Left to Right MER Chaplain (Lt Col) Jack Epperly; Chaplain (Capt) Melvin Lutz; NCWG Chaplain (Lt Col) Wayne Byerly; Deputy National Chaplain (Lt Col) Ken



Participants of the MER Chaplain Staff Collage, May 2012 in Blackstone, VA.





**HEADQUARTERS
MIDDLE EAST REGION
CIVIL AIR PATROL
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AUXILIARY
1500 Friendship Drive
Sanford, North Carolina 27330**

15 May 2012

Reply to

Attn Of: Col. Rick Moseley, MER/CV

To: All Members North Carolina Wing

Subject: Selection Process for Wing Commander

- 1. Members meeting the minimum requirements listed in CAPR 35-9, Section B are invited to submit their self nomination for the position of North Carolina Wing Commander. Documents that should be part of the submission package include:**
 - a. Letter of Nomination**
 - b. Civil Air Patrol and Professional Resume**
 - c. Answers to all of the following questions (not to exceed 2 pages total):**
 - i. What is your vision for the future of NCWG?**
 - ii. What strategies and partnerships will you use to strengthen NCWG?**
 - iii. What experiences have prepared you for the role of wing commander?**
 - iv. How will you balance the three missions of CAP (AE, ES and CP) within NCWG?**
 - v. What time and CAP/family/business or other support will you need to ensure your success at wing commander?**
 - vi. Applicants should be familiar with and address any problems and successes within each group in NCWG**
 - d. Signed release form attached with this announcement**
- 2. All documents are to be e-mailed to Col. Rick Moseley at mer_cv@mer.cap.gov by 11:59 PM on 4 June 2012. Receipt of each nomination package will be promptly acknowledged.**
- 3. The following schedule will be followed in the selection process:**
 - a. 4 June 2012 Self Nominations Due**
 - b. 5 June to 15 June Letters of support will be accepted**
 - c. 23 June Interviews at NCWG Headquarters**
 - d. 24 to 30 June Final Decision Announced by MER/CC**
- 4. Questions regarding this process should be addressed to the undersigned. Please send all documents in either M/S Word or Adobe PDF format.**

**Col. Richard L. Moseley Jr., CAP
Vice Commander, Middle East Region**

RELEASE

1. I, _____, am a candidate for the position of Commander, North Carolina Wing.

2. In order to allow my past conduct to be carefully and completely considered as it relates to my candidacy, **I hereby authorize Civil Air Patrol, its agents, officers, and employees**, to conduct any and all investigations, reviews, background checks, or other inquiries deemed necessary into any and all aspects of my past conduct. This includes, but is not limited to records regarding: credit history, criminal history, traffic citations, employment, or financial matters in any jurisdiction. I agree that any information discovered may or may not be disclosed to me.

3. This release does NOT include the release of medical, drug and alcohol treatment, and/or psychiatric records.

4. I grant this release freely without reservation and understand that failure to do may be a basis for disqualification for the volunteer position above.

5. I acknowledge that no promises of appointment have been made to me regarding this, or any other, position in Civil Air Patrol. I understand that, regardless of any information (or lack thereof) discovered as a result of background checks and investigations that may be conducted, there is no guarantee that an offer of appointment to this, or any other position, will be made.

6. I further acknowledge that my potential to be appointed to the position for which I am a candidate is neither guaranteed nor assured. I understand and acknowledge that there may be other candidates for the position and that the position may be offered to another candidate, or to no one. I further agree and hereby waive any claims and/or causes of action regarding the application, review and selection process which I now or might ever have. If appointed prior to the completion of the background check, I understand the appointment is temporary pending the outcome of the screening process.

7. This release expires on the first anniversary date of the Candidate's signature below.

Candidate

Date

Witness

Date

The IT Corner

How to choose a safe password

We are living in a world where every other website we visit, requires a password; oh yeah, including CAP websites!

Each website has different requirements: 6 characters long, 8 characters long, 11 characters long, 2 Upper case and a number and a special character. There is no limit to the imagination of the developers of the website!

Besides the issue of how to remember all the different passwords (I will talk about this topic another time), what are the basic criteria to choose a reasonable safe password, keeping in mind that all password can be cracked (given time and resources)?

I would offer 5 guidelines:

- 1) Make your password as long as possible, despite the minimum characters required by the website you are visiting. The longer, the more difficult is for the attacker to penetrate the account.
- 2) Use as many different characters as you can, such as punctuation characters, numbers and mixing upper case and lower case characters.
- 3) Do not use personal information such as your name, address, SSN or CAP ID.
- 4) Do not use standard words that are listed in dictionaries such as airplane, northcarolina
- 5) Never use a password that is the same of your user name (or account name)

Please avoid using the following passwords:

- your name, your wife and kids name
- your workplace
- your phone number
- your address
- your car model (or for that matter any info you have out there on Facebook)
- Abracadabra
- OpenSesame
- Go49ers
- Any of the above but spelled backward or followed/prepended by a digit

Suggestions:

- Use a combination of at least 6 characters plus 2 numbers (the more the better)
- Use punctuation characters
- Use easy to remember passwords so you do not have to jot them down
- Can be quickly typed so nobody can see you when typing

And then please change your password frequently (60-90 days)

Happy surfing

Alberto Griffa, 2d Lt, CAP
IT Officer, MER-NC-048

CAP Squadrons Involved in CIS Big Toy Day Event in Brunswick County

For the third year in a row, the Brunswick County Composite Squadron (NC-170) and the Cape Fear Composite Squadron (NC-023) teamed up to support Big Toy Day at the Cape Fear Regional Jetport at Oak Island on Saturday 19 May. A wide variety of equipment was displayed, ranging from fire trucks to helicopters and airplanes to cranes, ambulances and antique automobiles. Proceeds from the event benefit programs and services provided by Communities in Schools of Brunswick County. A total of 1700 people attended raising \$7,500.

Cadets and senior members of the two squadrons participated in the activities by signing up youngsters for the Young Eagle flights, conducted by members of the local Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 939, and as aircraft marshaling/safety personnel in handling aircraft and passengers on the very busy tarmac. Additionally, squadron members manned a recruiting exhibit located adjacent to a CAP "Glass Cockpit" Cessna 182 aircraft in which a large number of youngsters and adults were shown the controls, instruments, and avionics panel of the plane. Many questions from the public regarding the operation of the airplane and the missions for which it is used were answered during the course of the day at the static aircraft display as youngsters and their parents waited to be transported across the airport to take their Young Eagle flights, during which a total of 162 children were flown in single-engine planes piloted by EAA members.

A total of 22 CAP cadets and senior members participated in Big Toy Day. They contributed to the success of the event and increased the public's awareness of the local CAP squadrons, their missions and the opportunities available in the units for youngsters and adults. Attendees also gained a better knowledge of Cape Fear Regional Jetport and the role it plays in the overall economy of the area. Recent and ongoing improvements at the airport are resulting in increased aircraft operations and related activities, ranking the airport as number ten in the state. Having a CAP squadron based at and operating from the airport has helped Brunswick County residents understand and appreciate the services performed by the unit's volunteer cadets and senior members.

William J. Sullivan, 1st Lt, CAP
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Photos courtesy of BrunswickAir



A FEW GOOD MEN & WOMEN



WHO: CAP OFFICERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED LEVEL III

WHAT: MIDDLE EAST REGION STAFF COLLEGE 2012

WHERE: McDANIEL COLLEGE (WESTMINSTER, MD)

WHEN: 9-16 JUNE 2012

WHY: EARN CREDIT TOWARD LEVEL IV (GARBER AWARD)

HOW: SEND CAPF17 THRU YOUR CHAIN OF COMMAND

ONE WEEK IN-RESIDENCE COURSE PREPARES SENIOR OFFICERS FOR SERVICE AT THE GROUP, REGION & NATIONAL LEVEL. PRACTICAL HANDS-ON EXERCISES (VERSUS CLASSROOM LECTURE) ALLOW STUDENTS TO HONE THEIR LEADERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CRITICAL THINKING, PROBLEM SOLVING, INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS. INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM ASSIGNMENTS ARE TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM THE EXPERIENCES OF SOME OF CAP'S BEST LEADERS. GRADUATES ARE UNITED IN THE VIEWPOINT THAT THIS WAS THEIR BEST CAP EXPERIENCE BY FAR... COME AND BE A PART OF SOMETHING TANGIBLE WHICH IS REALLY THAT REWARDING!

COST: \$345 WHICH COVERS TUITION, BILLETING AND ALL MEALS INCLUDING THE GRADUATION BANQUET

Fayetteville Unit Member Receives U.S. Army Promotion

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM - North Carolina Wing member Lt. Col Jayson A. Altieri, was recently promoted to the rank of Colonel, U.S. Army, at a ceremony held on May 9, 2012 at NATO Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium.

The ceremony was hosted by U.S. Air Force Brigadier General Paul T. "PJ" Johnson, Deputy Commander, U.S. Military Mission to NATO. In attendance at the ceremony were Mrs. Shelle Wheless Altieri, Colonel Altieri's wife; their children Isabella and Jayson, Jr.; U.S. Air Force Major and NC Wing member Todd Shugart; and associates and friends from the NATO and U.S. Army Brussels Garrison Community. Colonel Altieri, who has been a member of CAP since 1979, is a 27 year veteran of the Army and currently serves as an Army Standardization Planner with NATO. In addition to his promotion, Colonel Altieri has been selected to assume command of the 110th Aviation Brigade, Fort Rucker, Alabama.

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POC: Captain David L. Rhinehart, Commander, Fayetteville Composite Squadron

Photo Courtesy of MC2 Barton, U.S. Navy



USAF Brig Gen Paul T. "PJ" Johnson (L) administers the oath of office to newly promoted USA Colonel Jayson A. Altieri (R) at NATO Headquarters on May 9, 2012.

New MER Vice-Commander Announced

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Lt Col Ray Lyon as the new second MER Vice-Commander. Colonel select Lyon will be accepting duties with MER effective 18 May 2012.

Ray is well known throughout the MER and NER and has been very active in Civil Air Patrol for over 27 years. He has served in numerous positions of leadership and responsibility with distinction and honor. He is a capable communicator and instructor with good management skills and a positive leadership style. Col Lyon will make an excellent addition to the MER staff as we crank up the operational tempo and bring MER up on to a new plateau of excellence. Along with Col Rick Moseley, Col Roy Douglass, and myself, Col Lyon will insure the leadership team for MER will provide our membership with forward vision, expert management, and rock solid performance into the future. Please join me in congratulating Col Lyon on this new important assignment.

Thank you,

Larry J. Ragland, Col, CAP MER/CC

Mountain Fury Training Scheduled

NCWG members:

Mountain Fury 6.5 will be conducted at Asheville (KAVL) on 29 June - 1 July. Several of NCWG pilots Mountain Flying qualifications (due every 3 years) have expired. All NCWG Mission Pilots should review their NHQ records and take steps to renew if necessary.

To date, the following have submitted Form 17's for MF6.5

Pilots:

Lt Col R. Harkness, Lt Col D. Faver, Capt D. Morse, Capt J. Johnson, Maj J. May, Capt F. Draper, Capt M. Howard, Lt Col W. Hawke, Maj B. Benson, Maj P. Hollander(FLWG)

Other:

Maj P. Twiddy

Pending Pilot Form 17's

Capt C. Johnson, Capt D. Williams, Capt S. McComas

Opportunities for both Basic (new) and Advanced (renewals) mountain flight training will be available.

Due to the NFA use of 4 C172's during MF6.5, NCWG planes (6) available should be 2 C172's, N9930E, N727CP, N716CP and N963CP.

Questions - e-mail Lt Col Davis at rdavis@ashevillecap.org

Ray Davis, Lt Col, CAP

Project Officer, AVL Mountain Fury 6.5

Two New Majors in Concord

Major James E. Emerson and Major Willie L. Wright were recently promoted to their new ranks after successfully sitting before the Field Grade Promotions Board at Wing Headquarters on 12-May-2012.

Major Emerson serves as the squadron Communications Officer and assistant Operations Officer. He is a current Form-5 pilot who will soon begin his Mission Pilot Training along with holding ratings as Mission Scanner, Mission Observer and Aerial Photographer and is also UDF qualified. In addition, the major is Ground Team and Ground Team Leader qualified and is currently working on his Air Operations Branch Director and Communications Unit Leader qualifications.

Major Wright is the squadron Supply Officer, Logistics Officer and Recruiting and Retention Officer; he recently completed his master rating in the Logistics specialty track. He is now building the unit's Recruiting and Retention program and working on the specialty track in that area. The major is a Form-5 pilot and currently training to become a Mission Pilot along with being rated as a Mission Scanner, Mission Observer, and Aerial Photographer. On the ground, Major Wright is UDF qualified and a Ground Team trainee.

Both Majors Emerson and Wright are always ready to pitch in and help out where ever they see a need. They are valuable members of the Charlotte Senior Squadron and it is an honor to serve with both of these outstanding gentlemen.

Scott B. Malizia, Maj, CAP

Historically Speaking

The following article is a reprint from the Coastal Patrol Base 21 Operations Log 1943.

May 17

Pilots Russell and Ellen and Observers Wagstaff and Permenter took off on a routine North flight today. While flying at 1500 feet they saw what appeared to be the wake of a ship at about ten miles distant. Assuming that it was the small Coast Guard boat that usually patrols up around buoy six, they proceeded to go down and identify her. Upon approaching the position, they noticed that there were two wakes, one fore and aft with a black object in the center and soon the whole thing disappeared.

This looked like the real thing, so they dived down and circled the position three times, noting that large air bubbles were surfacing and that a thirty-foot oil slick appeared. They reported to the base and one ship went over to contact Subchaser 1321, which could be seen in the distance. They led the boat to the position and it immediately began a search pattern.

After reporting these facts to the Navy, Intelligence interrogated the crews of the two planes and found that the latitude had been reported by one observer as 3458, which is near a wrecked ship. It should have been reported as 3453. This mistake was also corrected with the Navy. The navy slapped a negative evaluation on the report, but we know it was a sub. If it wasn't a sub why were there two wakes, why did it disappear, why the air bubbles and oil slick. Evidently their subchaser commander, who was taken to the position, thought it was a submarine, for the midnight Combat Intelligence report shows that SC-1321 dropped depth charges in the location.

Although we know we are inexperienced and we realize that the navy at Norfolk has the ability to weigh facts and learn the truth, we still question some of their decisions on happenings down here.....happenings which we see with our own eyes. After all, we patrol this area every day, we know whether certain wrecks give off oil or not, we know whether they are above the surface or not, and we are pretty darn sure that none of them bob up to the surface now and then. I wonder what it'll take to convince them.

May 18 *

Our collective upper plates were jarred loose around noon today when a mighty explosion shook the whole countryside. Upon investigation, we learned that a depth charge on a boat moored at the Port Terminal over at Morehead had detonated mysteriously, sunk the boat and killed seven men.

*A footnote to history. The explosion on May 18th touches close to my own life. My father was a Boatswains Mate 1st Class in the Navy and stationed aboard a Patrol Boat that was moored to the pier that day. My father had been on the Pier talking to another sailor who was working on a pile of Hedgehogs (Rocket propelled depth charges), before going onboard his boat.

He went up to the wheelhouse and was standing around talking to some of the other men when the cook called them down to eat. My father said as soon as he sat down he was flat of his back on the deck and he never found out what happened to the cup of coffee he was holding.

The explosion took the entire wheelhouse off of his boat. Had they not been called down to chow all the men who had been in the wheelhouse would have been killed. Several sailors on the deck of an adjoining destroyer who had been in formation were killed or wounded, and two sailors in a truck were killed.

The explosion was caused accidentally by the sailor my Father had talked to earlier. He had done something to set off the entire pile of Hedgehogs.

A few minutes either way and I would not be here to write this story, and my parents would have never met.

Until next month SEMPER VIGILANS.

Phil Saleet, Lt. Col., CAP
Historian

The Dedication of the Double Deuces

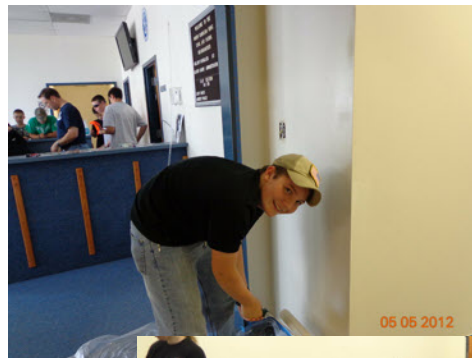
By SM Lynne Horne, MER-NC-022

On a warm, sunny afternoon, most teens would prefer to be out having fun with their friends by splashing in the pool to keep cool or eating ice cream while playing video games at home with the air conditioner cranked up. However, the cadets of Squadron 022 are a very dedicated group of teens who aren't afraid to roll up their sleeves and work hard. Contrary to the usual grumbles and complaints that are heard when teens are asked to do hard work, the cadets at Squadron 022 welcome the opportunity to clean up the lawn, trim trees, paint the interior of the CAP headquarters and they actually enjoy it! After Lt. Col Lucy Davis had requested having the cadets come in to clean up the grounds of the Civil Air Patrol and paint the interior of the building, a sleepover night was scheduled for the cadets to work hard and complete a Ranger Training course that included map reading. Under the watchful eyes of Col Andy Wiggs, 1st Lt Jason Bailey, Lt. Col Lucy Davis and Capt Kathy Gaddy, the cadets remained hard at work performing tasks that most teens would try to get out of.

When C/MSgt Timothy McCann was asked why he would forego an enjoyable Saturday afternoon of relaxation, he responded that he does it for the camaraderie with his friends.

Even though the tasks that the cadets were called upon to perform on Saturday, May 05, 2012 were hard and the temperatures were soaring, the cadets never flinched. C/SMSgt Wesley Bishop answered that he comes to the Civil Air Patrol headquarters to work in order to better the squadron. "We all get to use it and it helps us all to be in a better environment."

Some of the cadets were working inside the building painting the walls while others were outside cleaning and landscaping the grounds. Some later went behind the headquarters building to find a way to get inside of the Civil Air Patrol trailer. The trailer had been sitting there for quite a while with a flat tire and unopened because no one knew where the key to the trailer was. Under the supervision of 1st Lt. Bailey, the cadets were able to remove the back window of the trailer and make sure that the trailer was free of insects, rodents and snakes. After changing the flat tire, they then put an insect fogger into the trailer to drive out any insects or snakes that they may have missed. While cleaning out the contents of the trailer, the cadets found two pairs of binoculars.



The Charlotte Senior Squadron Goes to the Drag Races

Article and Photos by Maj. Scott B. Malizia

On Sunday, April 15th, several members of the Charlotte Senior Squadron, MER-NC-121, attended the drag races at the zMax Dragway in Concord, NC. Their seats were neither in the stands nor in the pits, but rather circling above the raceway and the surrounding area in a CAP Cessna 172. Now, how did those prime seats become available to the aircrews of NC-121?

As part of the ongoing outreach efforts with Cabarrus County and the City of Concord, the squadron offered to be the eyes in the sky for law enforcement and emergency management personnel located in the command center at the raceway. 2nd Lt. Mark Goodman, a member of the squadron is also a Battalion Chief with the City of Concord Fire Department and was instrumental in making the contacts and presentations needed for the operation. As both a first responder and CAP member, Lt. Goodman could easily see the value CAP would bring to the event.

The main objective of the mission was to fly two sorties, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, to observe the traffic flow in the surrounding area and to provide real-time updates in the form of radio communications and photographs as needed. In the event of a traffic incident, the crews would be able to assist emergency vehicles to the scene using the best route possible affording response personnel a minimum of response time. Capt. James Emerson was located in the Communications Center at the track to provide the valuable link between the aircrews and emergency personnel.

The secondary objective of the mission was to provide a collection of aerial photographs of the area for the city to view the extensive construction of Interstate 85. This road is a main artery leading into and out of the area and with it down to two lanes in both directions, one fender-bender could be a major upset to the delicate balance of traffic flow. Review and study of these photographs by the City of Concord could prove to be quite valuable for traffic and emergency response teams during the busy NASCAR season that lies ahead.

This was a test on a small scale to measure the value of having an aircraft patrolling the area during the critical traffic times of the event. There were a lot of details to work out with emergency personnel, the tower at Concord Airport and the pilots of the other aircraft with whom we would share the airspace. Both flights went very smoothly and there were lessons learned for both the squadron and city with the hopes of expanding the operation to the larger NASCAR and other events held at the Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Participating in Sunday's mission was:

Aircrew 1 – MP Major John May, MO Major Scott B. Malizia and MS 2Lt. Kristina Stern

Aircrew 2 – MP Captain Cory Johnson, MO Captain Willie Wright and MS 2Lt. Dale Curlin

Race Command Communications – Captain James Emerson

Photographs on the following page ...



zMax Dragway and surrounding area.

Photos: Maj. Scott B. Malizia



Minor slowdown on I-85 showing the potential impact a major collision could have on the traffic.



I-85 and the major roads leading to the raceway.

Gastonia Cadet gets Full ROTC Scholarship

Greetings NC Wing Members,

The Gastonia Composite Squadron would like to invite NC Wing Members to join us as we congratulate C/A1C Billy G. Mullis Jr. on his award to a ROTC Full Scholarship to North Carolina State University. His outstanding academic work in high school has earned him the Type I Four Year Scholarship. We take pride in Cadet Mullis's accomplishment and wish him continued success as he prepares to serve our nation as an Aerospace Engineer with aspirations to be a Fighter Pilot/Astronaut in the future. Thank you Cadet Mullis for your hard work and dedication.

Robert Rumfelt, CAP
Chaplain MER-NC 024

2012 Georgia Wing Communications Conference

21 May 2012

Gwinnett County Composite Squadron SER-GA-112 was the location of the annual 2012 Georgia Wing Communications Conference held on 19 May 2011.

North Carolina and Georgia share a small part of the border between these two states in the western part of group one in NC, and have created a friendly working relationship in regards to shared communications recourses.

Georgia's Deputy Dc, Capt. Don Imbody and myself have been working hard over the last few years in fostering a safer flying environment in western North Carolina by providing another set of ears listening to the Cowee Repeater all of the way from Winder Ga. And flight following NC aircraft. Myself, and former CAP Member Don Phillips along with the Asheville Composite Squadrons Cadet Comm. Officer C/A1C Noah Phillips traveled to Gwinnett Co. Airport and was made welcome for the 2012 annual Georgia Communications conference

Lt Col Paul Branson conducted instruction on such topics as, signal wave propagation, ALE operation and ended with hands on practical demonstration on several types of field expedient antenna systems. HF radio checks were attempted with units in Alabama and with our own Lt Guy in Burlington and Maj Weinflash in Asheville, but to no avail, propagation was not conducive for voice communications.

I look forward to more training and cooperation with our neighbors from another region.

Merlin V Phillips Maj CAP
Deputy DC
MER-NC-001

EDITOR'S NOTE: I have mixed emotions over this issue of your newsletter: Pride, Joy and Happiness! This issue is filled with the kind of stuff that CAP is all about! Along with regular authors we welcome some newcomers to the publication—and all have done an outstanding job in delivering their message to the NCWG. The joy I'm feeling comes from the fact that most of you have taken the time to review the Publication Guidelines. This fact alone saves untold hours in preparing these articles and photos for the reader's enjoyment. And I'm happy to report that I can spend the rest of the Holiday relaxing with my family.

Thank you all for making this job a pleasure!

Maj. Don Penven